

Preventative Classroom Management Practices to Increase Student Engagement

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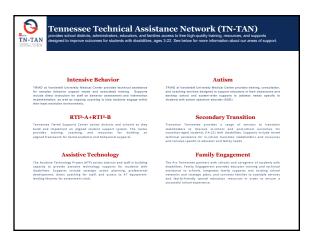
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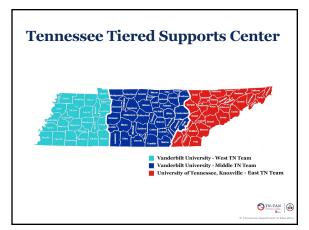
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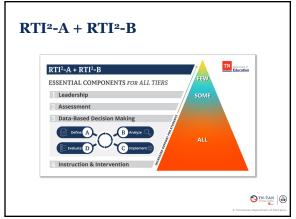
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What is classroom management?

Classroom management consists of skills and practices necessary to establish and maintain an effective learning environment.

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(Evertson et al.,

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What does effective classroom management look like?



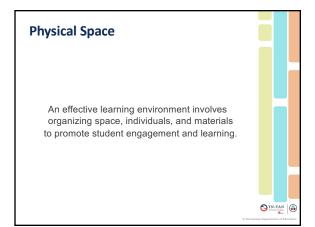
In the meeting chat, describe what you **see** and **hear** in a wellmanaged classroom.









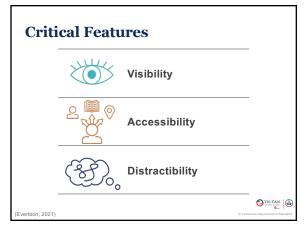


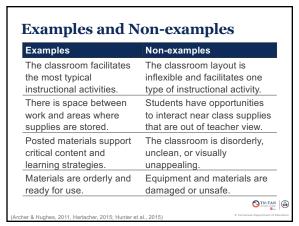
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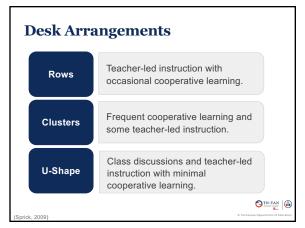
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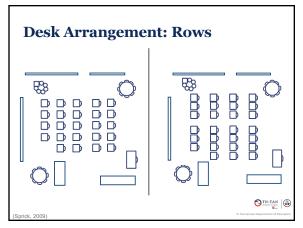
- · enhances academic engagement;
- · improves accessibility;
- · facilitates appropriate collaboration;
- fosters a sense of community, safety, and belonging; and
- · decreases the likelihood of challenging behavior.

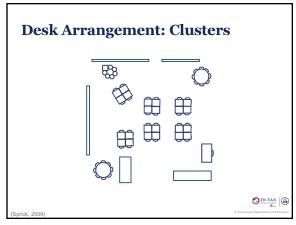
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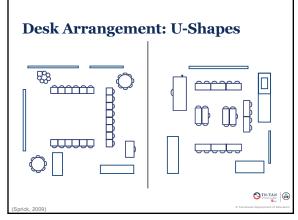












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High-Traffic Areas

- High-traffic areas should be open and clear from barriers.
- Arrange the room so that students who are moving around the classroom can't distract others.
- Common, high-traffic areas include those places where students:
 - o get supplies,
 - o sharpen pencils,
 - o turn in their homework, and
 - o have small group instruction.



(Sprick, 2009, 2013)

Classroom Visuals

- Posted materials should reflect:
 - o current instructional goals,
 - rules and expectations, and
 - student progress and achievements.
- Avoid posting unnecessary materials, which may be distracting.





(Sprick, 2009, 2013)

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Materials and Organization



- Make sure that materials necessary for a lesson are readily available for teachers and students.
- Keep materials that are not necessary for the lesson organized and stored away.
- Remove unnecessary items that hinder accessibility, distract students, or pose a safety concern.



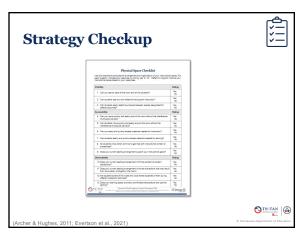
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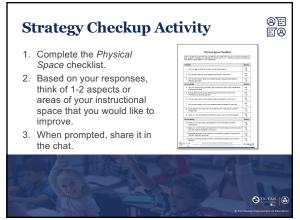
Implementation Tips

When designing your physical space, think about:

- unique characteristics of the space;
- · your most common routines, activities, and tasks;
- · desired instructional interactions between students;
- · desired social interactions between students;
- how the space might support challenging behavior;
- how the space can encourage desired behaviors.

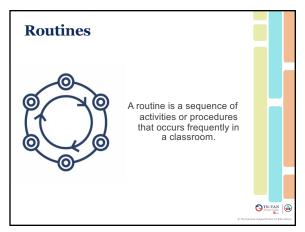
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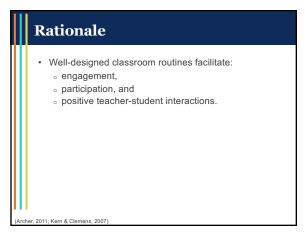


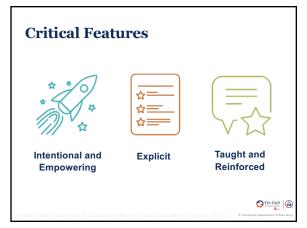


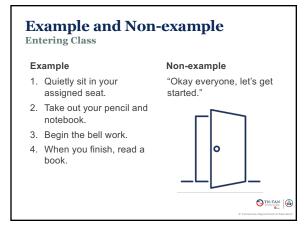


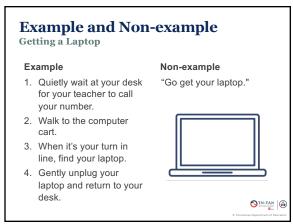


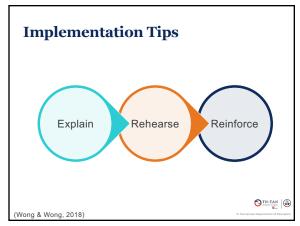
Routines Common routines that need well-defined procedures include: • arrival, • completing opening activities, • handling forgotten or lost materials, • returning after an absence, • transitioning to other classrooms or spaces, • ending the day or a class period, and • dismissal.

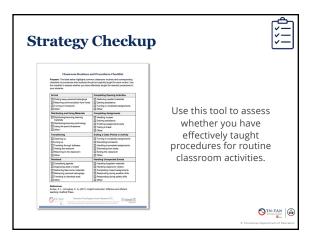


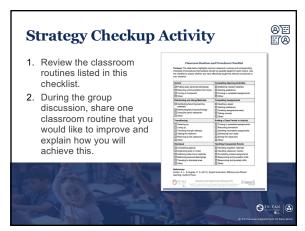


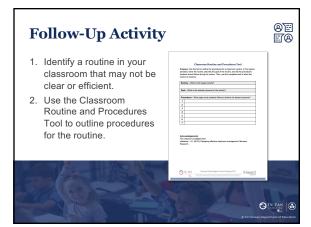




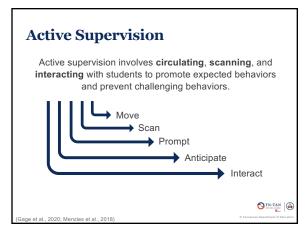






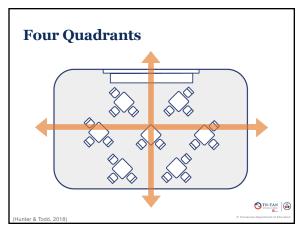








Examples	Non-examples
Walk around while students work independently.	Walk a predictable route.
Scan the classroom while working with small groups.	Only focus on the group you are working with.
Visit all four quadrants of the classroom.	Sit or stand where you cannot see the entire classroom.
Engage with all students equitably.	Have long talks with a student or group of students



Implementation Tips

- · Be proactive!
- Use data to identify and target locations and times that need improvement.
- Assess students' understanding of classroom expectations.
- Set reminders, using timers, notifications or visuals, to engage in active supervision.
- Use accountability systems to ensure effective supervision.

(Archer & Hughes, Austin et al., 2023, Menzies et al., 2018)

• Use the "Four Quadrants" supervision method.



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Teachers can use the checklist to: set goals, self-reflect on their teaching practices, and observe and provide feedback to colleagues. Administrators can use the checklist while conducting observations.

Strategy Checkup Activity



- 1. Watch the video demonstrating active supervision.
- Use the checklist from the Strategy Checkup to determine if the teacher engaged in all critical components of active supervision.
- 3. After the video, share your observations with the group.



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Resources

- Vanderbilt IRIS Center: Active Supervision Fundamental Skill Sheet
- Vanderbilt IRIS Center: Proximity Control Fundamental Skill Sheet

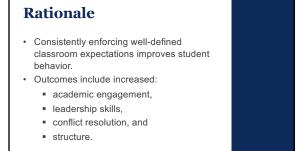
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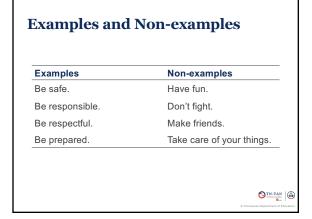


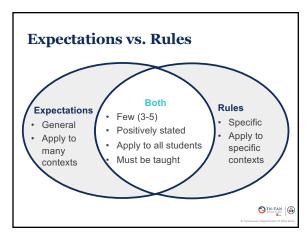


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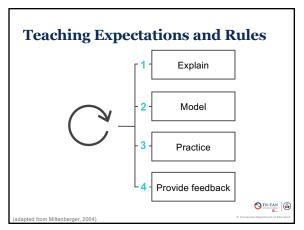
Connecting Expectations and Rules

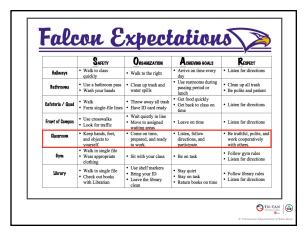
- Rules are incorporated into a behavior matrix to indicate the criteria for achieving behavior expectations.
- · Rules incorporate positive and observable behaviors.
- Rules may vary by setting. Expectations are consistent across settings.

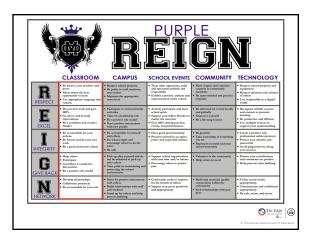


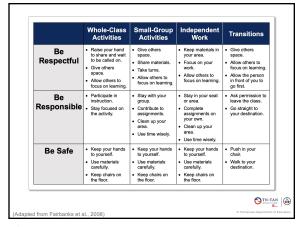
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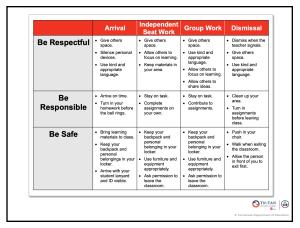
Teaching Expectations and Rules Expectation: Real Life:











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Implementation Tips

- Align classroom expectations with school-wide expectations when possible.
- Collaborate with students and families to develop a classroom expectation matrix that defines expected behaviors in observable and measurable ways.
- Include expectations for regular classroom activities and transitions.
- Create visual reminders, such as posters and charts, that both students and teachers can reference.
- · Explicitly teach and model expected behaviors.



(Sprick, 2009; US Department of Education, 2015)

Strategy Checkup



Evaluate your classroom expectations:

- · Are there three to five?
- · Are they positively stated?
- · Do they apply to all students?
- · Do they apply to multiple settings?
- Are they connected to observable behaviors?
- Do they consider students' cultural identities?



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Strategy Checkup Activity



- 1. Think about activities that occur regularly in your classroom.
- 2. In the chat, share an **activity** that you might include in a classroom expectation matrix and a **rule** that would apply to all students so they can "Be Safe."



Example:

"Arrival: Place your backpack and personal belongings in your locker."



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Resource Spotlight



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- Understand and identify critical features of four research-based preventative classroom management practices: pre-correct and prompt behavior, provide opportunities to respond, use flexible learning groups, and provide specific feedback
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